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Dear Rozanne.

Pursuant to our phone discussion this afternoon, I am transmitting herewith a Petition under 37 1.47 Requesting Acceptance of an Application without the Declaration of one of the four named inventors.

Please process this. Please note that Exhibit A consists of 11 pages.

Thank you again for your help

Joan Rodgers
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No. 9733

SCOTT, Wesley et al

Art Unit: 3725

Appl. No. 10/615,704

Atty Docket: 2189-P03242US00

Filed: 07/09/03

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BENDING STRIP MATERIAL TO CREATE CUTTING DIES

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Petition under 37 CFR §1.47 Requesting acceptance of an application without the Declaration of one of the four named inventors

The undersigned alterney hereby petitions that the above-identified patent application be accepted without the declaration of Michael Burtch.

- 1. Michael Burtch, along with three other inventors are co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in an application for Letters Pateril, Serial No. 10/615,704 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 9, 2003 for an invention entitled: "System and Method for Bending Strip Material to Create Cutting Dies"
- 2. At the time of filling of the above-identified application, Michael Burtch had left the employ of applicants' employer, and was not available to execute the application.
- 3. Applicants' Canadian Legal Counsel, Christopher Geffros, made every effort to contact Michael Burtch, as evidenced by the Statement of Facts, attached hereto as Exhibit A, but was unable to contact Mr. Burtch.

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Docket No: 2189-P03242US00

- 4. It is therefore requested that this Petition be granted, and that the application proceed to examination without the declaration of Michael Burtch. It is requested that the Petition fee in the amount of \$130, and any extension fee which may be required, be charged to the Deposit Account of Dann Dorfman Herrell and Skillman No. 04-1406.
- 5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and bellef are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

March 3, 2004

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EXHIBIT A
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Statement of Facts

I, Christopher Lee Geffros, Legal Counsel for 150099 Ontario Inc, and duly authorized to act on its behalf, represent the following.

- 1. I have firsthand knowledge regarding the facts stated below.
- 2. Michael Burtch was a former employee of 150099 Ontario Inc, located at 235 Gage Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2M 2C9.
- 3. Michael Burtch is a co-inventor of the "System and Method for Bending Strip Material to Create Cutting Dies" subject to United States Patent Application No. 10/615,704.
- 4. Michael Burtch is no longer an employee of 150099 Ontario Inc.
- 5. The last known address for Michael Burtch was 112 Margaret Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2H 4H6.
- 6. Michael Burtch had signed during his employment an Agreement assigning his rights to inventions made during his employment with 150099 Ontario Inc. (See attached).
- 7. At the time of filing United States Application No. 10/615,704, attempts were made to contact Michael Burtch at his last known address. These attempts were unsuccessful.
- 8. Recently, searches were made via the Internet to locate Mr. Michael Burtch including Canadian information sites such as www.infospace.ca and www.Canada411.com. (See attached),
- 9. The results of the Internet searches were either the Margaret Avenue address or an address in Sault Saint Marie.
- 10. Attempts to contact Michael Burtch at both the Sault Saint Marie and Kitchener, Ontario telephone numbers were unsuccessful.
- 11. On February 10, 2004 a letter was sent via Registered Mail to Michael Burtch at his last know address at 112 Margaret Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2H 4H6 (see attached letter).
- 12. On February 12, 2004 the Canadian Postal Service returned the letter as undelivered. The reason given that the addresse had "Moved, Address unknown." (See attached copies of envelope).
- 13. At this time there is no further information regarding the whereabouts of Michael Burtch.

Christopher Geffros Legal Counsel DANN DORFMAN PHILA **J**-

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October 30, 2001

I, Mike Burtch have been involved for over a year in a research project supported by Ontario Die International. This work is related to the development of an automated bending machine based on novel principles. Steps have been taken to apply for a patent. I am doing experimental and theoretical work designed to help with the implementation of the new principles according to best engineering practice. This is to certify that I do not claim ownership of any intellectual property related to this project for my past contributions or for results obtained in future work.

Signed

Date

Mike Burtch

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Ontario Die International Inc. 119 Roger St. Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2J 3Z6

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT NON-DISCLOSURE FORM

Agreement made between Ontario Die International Inc. ("ODI"), located in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and International _employed by Ontario Die Whereas, Ontario Die International and MIKE BURTLH intend to discuss matters related to new research and development projects of interest to Untario Die International, WHEREAS, during the course of these dealings, it will be necessary for Ontario Die International to disclose to MIKE BURTON certain technical items of information, which are confidential and proprietary to Ontario Die International.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the disclosure of these technologies, the parties agree as follows: MIKE BURTCH

- Ontario Die International's technologies without the prior written approval of Ontario Die International.

 Will not use any information provided by Ontario Die International. will not disclose to any third party any information concerning
- will not use any information provided by Ontario Die International concerning their proprtetary technologies for it's own benefit or the benefit or any third party without the prior written consent of Ontario Die International. 3.) MILL BURTCH
- agrees to maintain any technological information in complete considence for a period of five (5) years from the date of disclusure, whether communicated verbally or in
- result from the work of __MIKE BURTEH agrees that any intellectual property, including putents, which may during the time of employment and for a period of five (5) years thereafter, will be the exclusive property of Ontario Die International.
- 5.) This agreement does not apply to information which is publicly known, lawfully available or which is reasonably proven to be known to MINE BURTLY hefore being obtained from Ontario Die International.

Dated at WATEKLOO (Clay)

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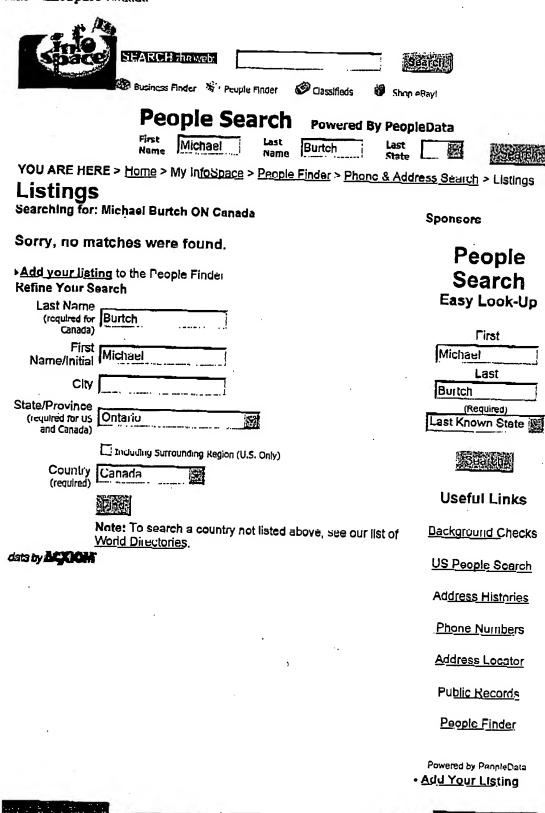
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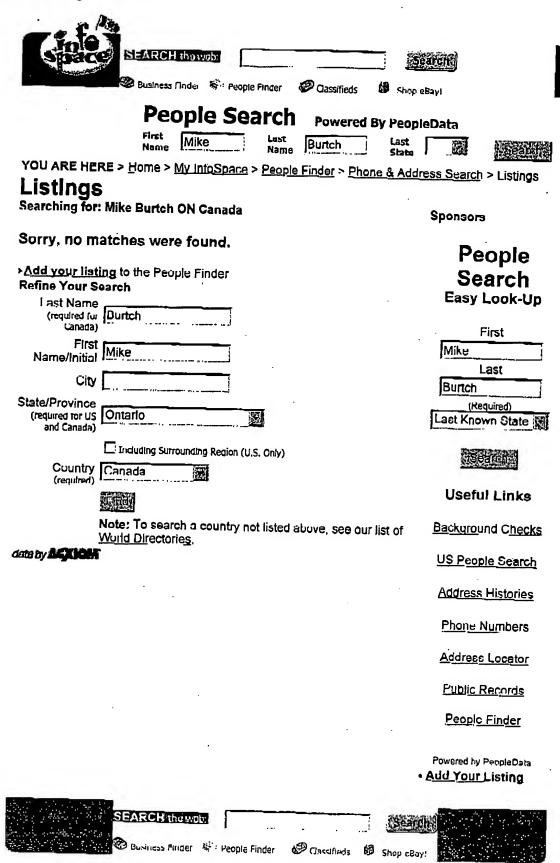
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February 6, 2004

Michael Burtch 112 Margaret Avenue Kitchener, Ontario N2H 4H6

CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: Patent Application Inventorship

Dear Mr. Burtch:

During your employment with Ontario Die International in Kitchener you worked on a machine with an application of bending strip material. As I am sure you are aware from agreements you signed as well as conversations during your employment, it was and is our intention to apply for Patent protection in various international countries.

As a part of this process we need you to assign your patent rights as agreed to during your employment. I have enclosed a copy of the agreement that you signed for your benefit.

We have made several attempts to contact you at your last known telephone number but have been advised that it has been disconnected. We would greatly appreciate it if you could contact me at 810-987-5060 to discuss how we may get the assignment documents to you for your signature.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Regards

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